The Office has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a hard disk drive based data archive system emulating a tape archive system, classified in class 361, subclass 685.
- Group II. Claims 15 and 16, drawn to a data storage box for connection to a host computing system via a universal serial bus structure, classified in class 710, subclass 313.
- Group III. Claims 17-20, drawn to a data storage box for connection to a host computing system via an internet network connection in accordance with the internet TCP/IP interface, classified in class 709, subclass 250.
- Group IV. Claims 21-33, drawn to a hard disk drive data archive system for emulating electrically a tape library including a multiplicity of tape cartridges each having a predetermined storage capacity, classified in cclass 711, subclass 4.
- Group V. Claims 34 and 35, drawn to a method for testing data-archive functionality of a rotating hard disk drive holding user archive data within a archive array of rotating hard disk drives, classified in class 714, subclass 44.

Applicants hereby elect Group IV (claims 21-33) without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

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Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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